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Juan M. Garcia Named Farm Service Agency Administrator

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2012 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the appointment of Juan M. Garcia as Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator, effective July 15, 2012.

Garcia previously served as deputy administrator for Farm Programs where he managed all FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, and Price Support Division.

Garcia served as state executive director for Texas and as the agricultural program manager (APM) for the Farm Service Agency in Texas. Prior to his selection as the APM, Garcia worked as a district director and served earlier in his career as county executive director. During his 35-year career with USDA, Garcia has received numerous honors and is a three-time recipient of the prestigious FSA Administrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

A native of Lyford, Texas, Garcia was raised on his family's 500-acre farm. Garcia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas A&I in Kingsville (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and was recognized as the College of Agriculture's 2010 Hall of Honors Alumnus. Garcia and his wife, Belinda, have three grown children.

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